

broaden the definition of a coastal barrier, and approved a series of maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System" dated October 24, 1990. These maps identify and depict those coastal barriers located on the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands that are subject to the Federal funding limitations outlined in the Act. The 1990 Act also approved a related series of maps depicting otherwise protected areas (OPA) along the same coastlines. In full System units most forms of Federal subsidies are prohibited. In OPAs only Federal flood insurance is prohibited.

The Act also defines our responsibilities regarding the System and OPA maps. We have official custody of these maps and prepare and distribute copies of them. We published a notice of the filing, distribution, and availability of the maps dated October 24, 1990, in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 1991 (56 FR 26304-26312). We have announced all subsequent map revisions in the **Federal Register**.

Revisions to a System Unit and OPA in North Carolina

Section 1(a) of Public Law 106-16, enacted on November 29, 1999, requires us to replace 7 maps relating to the System with 14 new maps. These changes affect a Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit (designated as L03) and an OPA (designated as NC-03P) in Dare County, North Carolina. The changes to the Cape Hatteras NC-03P are designed to coincide with the boundary of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The changes to Hatteras Island Unit L03 are designed to meet the original intent of Congress.

How To Get Copies of the Maps

The Service has given copies of the revised System and OPA maps to the House of Representatives Committee on Resources and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and will be sending copies to the House of Representatives Committee on Banking and Financial Services and each appropriate Federal, State, and local agency having jurisdiction over the areas in which the modified units are located.

You can purchase copies of System and OPA maps from the U.S. Geological Survey, Earth Science Information Center, P.O. Box 25286, Denver, Colorado 80225. The cost is \$4.00 per map, plus a \$3.50 shipping and handling fee for the entire order. Maps can also be viewed at the following Fish and Wildlife Service offices:

Washington Office—all System and OPA maps.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Division of Habitat Conservation,
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 400,
Arlington, Virginia 22203, (703)
358-2201

Southeast Regional Office—all System and OPA maps for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Region 4, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, Georgia 30345, (404) 679-7125

Field Office—System and OPA maps for North Carolina.

Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Raleigh Field Office 551-F Pylon Drive, P.O. Box 33726, Raleigh, NC 27636-3726, (919) 856-4520

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Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit Number TE 024653

Applicant: Mark Hove, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) the following endangered species from the St. Croix River, from river miles 0-150 in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*) and Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*). Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5343); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: March 29, 2000.

T.J. Miller,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Public Scoping; San Juan Basin, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, USDI, and U.S. Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct public scoping; San Juan Basin, Colorado. Also, the action proposes to amend both the BLM's San Juan and San Miguel Resource Management Plan (RMP) of 1985, and the Colorado Oil and Gas Leasing and Development Final EIS of 1991.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), as joint lead agencies, are initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with associated public scoping, on the proposed continued development of Fruitland Coalbed Methane (CBM) gas. The EIS analysis area (106,000 acres) generally encompasses land north of the Southern Ute Line and within the San Juan Basin, and is bordered on the north, west, and east by the Fruitland Outcrop. The east side of the analysis area dips south at the San Juan National Forest boundary and includes all San Juan National Forest lands within the Basin, south of the Southern Ute line. This EIS will be undertaken in cooperation with La Plata County, Colorado. The proposed action, within the analysis area, is for the development